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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : Cruz
SERIAL NUMBER : 10/728,082 EXAMINER : Not Yet Assigned
FILING DATE : December 3, 2003 ART UNIT : 1651
FOR : Gastrin Compositions and Formulations and Methods of Use and Preparation

Mail Stop Missing Parts
Commissioner for Patents
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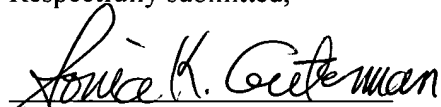
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a five-month extension of time to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed on February 25, 2004 in the above-identified application. With the extension, the Response is due on or before September 25, 2004. A check in the amount of \$1,060.00 in payment of the difference of the three month extension paid on July 19, 2004 required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

No additional fees are believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 24299-013).

Respectfully submitted,



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